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RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 371

Responsive to the Notification of Missing Requirements mailed October 19, 2001 (a copy of which is attached), it is respectfully submitted that the executed Declaration was filed on August 21, 2001. A copy of the PTO mail room datestamped postcard indicating receipt of the executed Declaration is attached hereto.

Confirmation of receipt of the executed Declaration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the
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